## DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING January 3, 2014

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:02 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Aaron David Darrell Pollesch Ernest Borchardt

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Dodge County Child Support Agency; Pat Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by Layman to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of January 3, 2014; second by David. Motion carried.

Communications: None

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Steve Seim is coordinating the Mock Trial Committee. For the past 12 years the competition has been here in Dodge County with the State covering the security cost. This event is open to the public. Judge Storck explained that high school teams are given a trail case where students hold the positions of attorneys witnesses. Judges, Court Commissioners and attorneys preside over the cases. Wisconsin will be hosting the national competition this year which will take place in May.

Efiling of criminal cases started January 2, and all of the judges are going to be on board with this. The DA's office will be filing almost all documents by efiling. We are in the process of developing a system so that documents get to the correct judges and staff for processing. Dodge County is the first county to implement criminal efiling and is the pilot program for the State.

There are 2 public access computers in front of the Clerk of Courts Office for private citizens to view a file since there will no longer be a paper file for them to "check out". Per Bob Barrington and Michelle Kenning, the first day went well.

The Courts will be returning \$99,000 to the general fund. The savings were the result of video system update coming in under budget, it was a good year for collections and filing fees have increased for the Register in Probate. There was a significant savings of \$18,000 in the Family Court area with being down to one Family Court Commissioner/Court Commissioner position and office staff cut.

Judge Storck is still waiting to hear from the TAD grant. He is looking at February before there is a response.

The date and time for the next Security Meeting has been changed to February 21, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

The security station upgrade in the Courthouse went well and all the work came in under budget. They will be looking at further projects for 2014.

Clerk of Courts Report: Michelle Kenning reported on the efiling going well so far.

**Child Support Report:** Bernie Mueller reported that Child Support is currently 2 staff people short. Limited Term Employees have been coming in to help cover two positions that are out on medical leaves. 900 cases were re-assigned to the remaining caseworkers, which means that each caseworker is responsible for over 1200 cases.

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg reported that the Dodge County Executive Law Enforcement Association is a week from today. Committee member should contact Chief Beal of Juneau for reservations if they would want to attend.

There was a push the end of the year to take care of the backlog in receiving charges from law enforcement and referring charges. DA Klomberg wants to maintain a 30 day turnover.

**Medical Examiner Report:** Office is working on the year end numbers. One of the positions has been filled with a new deputy starting next week. It is an RN with a background in criminal justice. The numbers are up for everything, including cremations and autopsies.

ME Schoebel explained the process for cremations. Permits are issued for each cremation. There were 366 total exams last year and he expects the number to increase for 2014. Wisconsin Statutes direct a complete exam be performed before a cremation permit is issued.

**Sheriff Department Report**: The Law Enforcement Banquet is January 10. Kevin Schultz is the corrections officers of the year, and Gwen Meyer is receiving an honorable mention. Treylan Richter will be honored as the youth of the year. The Sheriff's Department will be well represented at the banquet which is being held at Old Hickory.

\$150 contribution was received for the traffic placemats.

Donated funds have been received for the Sheriff's Department to purchase a truck to be used by the Dodge County Emergency Response Team to help with traffic control. DCERT is a valuable asset for the County. Motion made by David, second by Layman to allow purchase of a truck, motion carried.

Ammunition for the Department will be submitted in two separate purchases. Jim Ketchum is putting together the orders which will be sent in as soon as possible with delivery expected by summer. The ammunition supply is anticipated to remain scarce.

Interviews are taking place on January 17 for patrol officers and background checks are being done for jail vacancies.

Other business: Janet Wimmer, Director of Dodge County Human Services and Health Department spoke to the Committee regarding information sharing and Programs & Services Collaborations and how her department overlaps with other county departments to help serve the people of Dodge County.

The overlap is seen in client services involving alcohol and drug abuse and mental issues with law enforcement. This will extend into the court system because of the addiction. Earlier intervention may help with a reduction in the problems. Since it may be a matter of public safety, it is important to put these people to the top of the list.

Herion use/addiction shows up in more child abuse and neglect situations by the parents. Her department sees the result in an inability to get children to school and by seeing medical issues ignored by the parents.

Economic support helps provide for basic needs by use of food share and food stamps. Medicaid also continues to increase case loads. Support services 7900 in Dodge County monthly.

Aging Services, Adult Protective Services and Long Term Support do not general see the overlap like other areas of her department.

Funds received by the expected TAD grant will help both the Sheriff's Department and county system to get people into treatment as soon as possible.

The program for at risk children involves parent support and mentoring. Schools are collaborating in order to help the kids. Ms. Wimmer clarified that many of the neglect for some of these children does not arise to the level of District Attorney or Court system involvement but at such time as it does referrals are made.

Next Meeting: Friday, February 7, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Layman. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next

committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary